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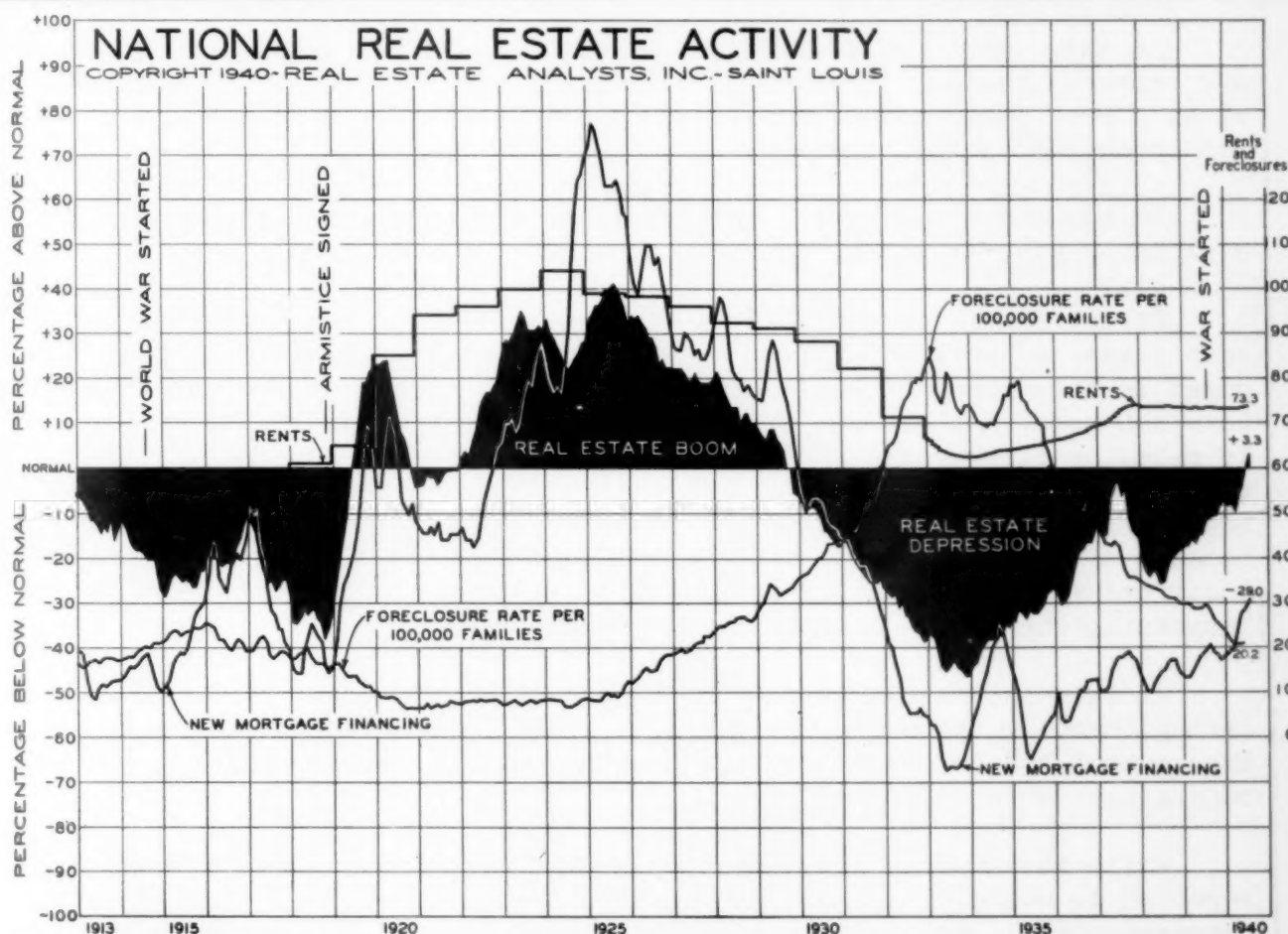
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**V**OLUNTARY sales of real estate continued to show improvement in July. In June real estate activity rose slightly above normal (+0.5) for the first time since the latter part of 1929. The rise in real estate activity from a low of -47.0 experienced at the end of 1933 to a position above normal has been marked with much irregularity. Voluntary sales for July increased to 3.3 above normal. This is a splendid start in forming a new boom area. However, the upward path of the line of real estate activity will continue in the same irregular fashion as it has in the past.

Urban foreclosures are now reaching such a low level that their rate of decline will be much slower in the future. Residential rents are continuing at practically the same level reached thirty-one months ago.

New mortgage financing has shown a marked increase during the first seven months of 1940. The July level of 29.0 below normal is the highest point reached since the fall of 1931.

## BUILDING COSTS FOR A STANDARD FRAME HOUSE

**I**N the April, 1940, issue of The Real Estate Analyst material costs of a standard six-room frame house, built in St. Louis, were given for the period from 1913 to 1940. The house, pictured on the page opposite together with the floor plans, conforms as nearly as possible to the specifications of the Home Loan Bank Board. The material costs were divided into four main groups, which were subdivided into twelve classifications in all.

In this report we are completing the study by including the labor and overhead costs. In the table on page 198 we show all items of material, direct labor and overhead from 1913 to 1937 by years, with the period from 1937 on by quarters.

On the chart opposite, the total cost of the house is shown broken down into major material, direct labor and overhead groups.

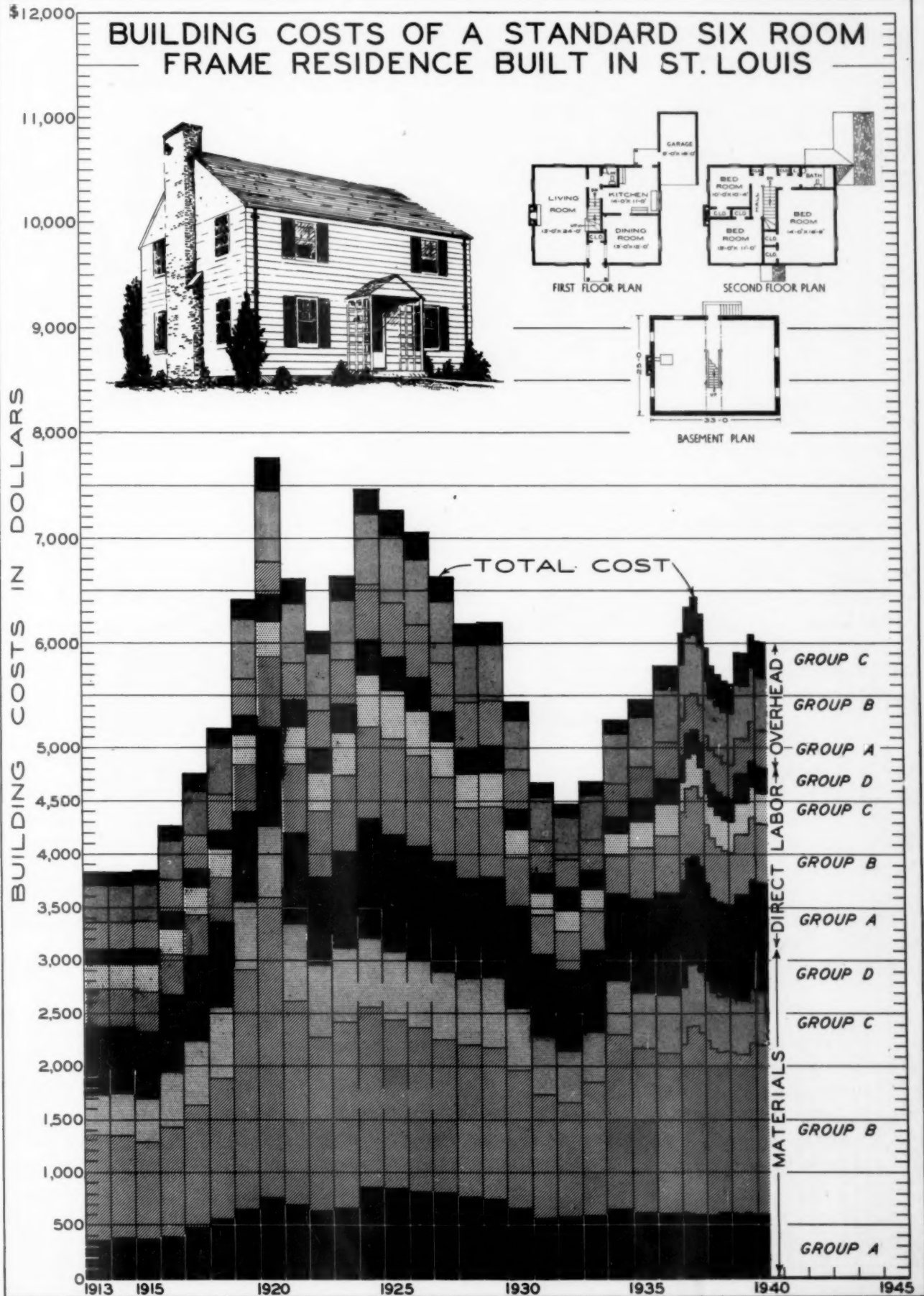
Direct labor was calculated from the labor hours necessary to do each class of work and from the wages actually paid by contractors engaged in this type of construction. Fixed wage scales or union scales were not used, but extreme care was employed in finding the wages actually paid. As labor costs vary with both hours expended and wages paid, the efficiency of labor becomes an important item. It was found that during the years 1923 to 1926 inclusive labor was less efficient than normally because of the unavailability of efficient labor and because of a marked indifference on the part of labor. This condition was compensated for by increasing the hours of labor in the years affected.

In calculating the overhead and profit for sub-contractors (in plastering, heating, plumbing, metal work, electrical work and tile work) and the general contractor's profit, the charges customarily applied by these contractors were used.

While the amounts given in this report cover the standard house constructed in metropolitan St. Louis, it is believed that they are fairly representative and are applicable elsewhere in the country, with slight modifications. Our other reports show that St. Louis follows the national average rather closely on many items.

It has been necessary to change the specifications of the house several times in the period since 1913. Many of the features of this house, as it would be built today, were not available at any price in 1913. Others that were available were not generally used because of excessive cost. In each year we have tried to show the cost of this house as it would most likely have been built in that year.

It is interesting to note that a better house, with better bathroom fixtures, with tile wainscot in bath and lavatory and with insulation, could be built in 1932 at a cost which was below the cost during the previous fifteen years. Since 1932, construction cost has advanced and is today 34% above that year.





# BUILDING COSTS OF A STANDARD SIX ROOM FRAME RESIDENCE BUILT IN ST. LOUIS

The chart on page 197 shows the variations in the costs of materials, labor and overhead for a six-room frame residence in St. Louis. Floor plans and a picture of the house are shown with the chart. Costs are grouped into four classifications of material, four of labor and three of overhead. A further breakdown of these groups is given in detail below. Columns of the table are numbered, and a brief description of the items included in each is given in the Group A:

- Group A:**  
 (1) Mason Materials: Cement, sand, gravel, quick lime, hydrated lime, hard wall plaster, face and common brick, fire brick, flue lining. Labor.  
 (2) Tile Materials:  $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$  wall tile, ceramic floor tile, cap and base.  
 (3) TOTAL OF GROUP A: Materials. Labor.  
**Group B:**  
 (4) Unfinished Lumber: Columns, beams, floor and ceiling joists, interior and exterior studs, rafters, bracing, etc. Labor.  
 (5) Finished Lumber: Sub-flooring, sheathing, beveled siding, finished floors, asphalt shingle roofing, roofing felt, tar paper, shutters etc. Labor.  
 (6) Mill Work: Windows, doors, trim, kitchen cabinet, stairs.

**Group C:**  
 (7) TOTAL OF GROUP B: Materials. Labor.

- Group D:**  
 (8) Heating: Boiler, insulating jackets, fittings, tools, pipes, connections, valves and radiation. Labor.  
 (9) Plumbing: Soil Pipes and connections, stack, water pipe and connections, lead oakum and bathroom fixtures; hot water heater and tank to be furnished by others. Labor.  
 (10) TOTAL OF GROUP C: Materials. Labor.

**Group E:**  
 (11) Sheet Metal: Copper gutters, downspouts, flashing. Labor.

- Group F:**  
 (12) Electrical Work: Main switch, BX cable, switch boxes, receptacles, transformer etc. No fixtures included. Labor.  
 (13) Nails and Hardware: Common and wire nails, bolts, damper,

ash doors, finish hardware.

- (14) Paint Materials: White lead, linseed oil, turpentine. Labor.  
 (15) Misc.: Metal & wood lath, corner bead, insulation. Labor.  
 (16) TOTAL OF GROUP D: Materials. Labor.  
 (17) TOTAL COSTS: Materials. Labor.

**Group G:**  
 (18) Overhead and profit of subcontractors in plastering, heating, plumbing, metal work, electrical work and tile work.  
 (19) General contractor's profit.  
 (20) Missouri sales tax (now 2% on materials), old age and unemployment tax (Federal and state), liability and employees' compensation insurance, fire and tornado insurance, completion bond.

(21) TOTAL OF GROUP E.

(22) TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST.

YEAR	GROUP A				GROUP B				GROUP C				GROUP D						GROUP E			TOTAL (22)															
	(1)	(2)	(3)	TOTAL	(4)	(5)	(6)	TOTAL	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)		(20)	(21)													
1913	\$243	\$388	\$24	\$367	\$401	\$218	\$101	\$428	\$134	\$35K	\$121	\$996	\$356	\$152	\$136	\$231	\$110	\$383	\$246	\$65	\$12	\$36	\$49	\$16	\$59	\$64	\$51	\$18	\$227	\$142	\$1973	\$1144	\$248	\$337	\$132	\$716	\$3833
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## NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND DEMOLITIONS

**N**EW building and demolition of residential properties are both factors influencing supply. The relation of the demand to the supply of residential units at any given time fixes the amount of vacancy, which in turn tends to establish rent levels. Under the law of supply and demand the relation of rents to replacement cost new is the important influence in fixing the profitableness of residential properties, and when this relationship is unfavorable, the flow of capital into new buildings will be checked; when favorable, the flow will be stimulated.

The supply of residential units is a fact subject to exact measurement; on the other hand, even given a stable population, demand expands and contracts with business activity. In prosperous periods, demand for residential units enlarges, marriages are stimulated, families unscramble and move to separate quarters, and people seek better accommodations. In depression periods the reverse takes place; marriages are delayed, families double up and people seek cheaper quarters. This natural change which takes place within demand itself is augmented by population growth and population movements to and from urban centers.

The FHA policy did not wait for the law of supply and demand to function. Before vacancies and rents reached the stage necessary to stimulate the flow of new capital to the real estate field, new construction was stimulated by government insured, high percentage loans with low interest rates, applicable to the smaller type dwelling and to large multiple dwelling projects. Such financing did not apply to any residential properties then standing. As a result of this paternal economy the older residential properties in practically all metropolitan cities are now struggling along with low rents and depressed markets.

The tables on pages 206 to 209 inclusive, entitled NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND DEMOLITIONS, show the change factors in the supply of residential units. The figures in black show the actual number of residential units built each year from 1929 to 1939. The figures in red show the number of residential units demolished.

These demolition figures do not indicate the entire loss of supply of residential units. Only those buildings were counted for which permits for demolition were secured. Generally, losses of supply from fires, tornadoes etc. were not counted.

The demolition figures given prior to 1936 and in some cities prior to 1939 were compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics; the remainder were secured by direct correspondence with the building commissioners and officials of the various cities involved. Because of discrepancies in and lack of public records, these data are not as accurate or complete as we would like them to be. However, it is believed that these tables are as complete as they can be made at this time.

The building figures are from our own records, supplemented in early years by the data compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# APARTMENT RENTS BY SIZE OF UNITS

THE table below shows the Real Estate Analyst rent index for heated apartments with different numbers of rooms per unit. It should be remembered that this index presents the average rent being asked for apartments for rent, rather than the average of rented apartments.

City	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940*
<b>AVERAGE--20 CITIES</b>						
Two-room	\$28.54	\$30.78	\$33.68	\$32.97	\$32.52	\$31.73
Three-room	33.38	34.68	38.85	38.43	38.24	38.52
Four-room	40.14	41.98	46.03	45.55	45.85	45.00
Five-room	47.52	50.36	56.20	54.51	54.65	54.22
Six-room	57.96	61.10	67.41	65.98	65.01	65.88
<b>Atlanta</b>						
Two-room	31.20	34.42	28.24	28.26	27.87	28.45
Three-room	34.71	31.14	32.67	33.90	33.83	34.20
Four-room	36.60	41.20	41.20	43.20	43.74	45.40
Five-room	49.15	49.80	51.80	53.95	51.08	54.80
Six-room	56.70	53.46	56.10	56.88	54.47	55.75
<b>Baltimore</b>						
Two-room	30.38	27.28	28.40	28.00	27.50	26.37
Three-room	33.36	30.93	31.68	33.33	32.89	32.57
Four-room	45.48	38.84	38.80	40.52	38.73	36.38
Five-room	56.00	48.55	50.70	52.75	50.12	49.30
Six-room	65.82	61.20	66.72	63.12	64.23	63.33
<b>Birmingham</b>						
Two-room	23.84	26.30	30.06	28.64	24.56	25.27
Three-room	28.14	28.65	30.03	31.35	31.39	35.61
Four-room	33.04	34.40	37.64	39.52	39.64	39.91
Five-room	39.65	41.55	42.25	47.30	47.65	47.50
Six-room	52.14	51.84	57.18	63.06	61.60	56.70
<b>Chicago</b>						
Two-room	33.06	35.50	38.18	39.00	38.85	38.55
Three-room	36.36	42.09	44.25	45.30	44.77	44.40
Four-room	41.00	43.40	47.32	48.00	46.76	46.83
Five-room	51.50	51.50	57.75	57.10	55.94	56.66
Six-room	66.60	67.50	71.28	75.18	69.43	70.17
<b>Cincinnati</b>						
Two-room	24.40	27.08	31.40	29.62	31.11	31.90
Three-room	32.61	33.90	40.20	40.29	38.32	39.42
Four-room	40.32	43.92	49.40	47.40	46.56	47.30
Five-room	53.30	55.95	62.90	62.25	63.53	64.78
Six-room	68.04	67.80	81.12	79.38	74.59	86.51
<b>Cleveland</b>						
Two-room	27.24	32.60	35.34	34.20	33.65	33.48
Three-room	35.37	38.40	43.65	41.85	41.51	41.35
Four-room	37.16	44.68	48.48	45.72	46.94	46.89
Five-room	40.75	50.90	60.60	60.00	57.84	61.60
Six-room	47.88	57.00	68.70	67.08	62.02	71.85
<b>Columbus</b>						
Two-room	21.20	27.60	29.90	27.05	27.54	27.41
Three-room	25.38	30.60	36.40	33.35	35.34	36.98
Four-room	35.25	38.50	45.00	45.00	45.35	44.24
Five-room	40.20	50.60	59.50	54.00	53.11	51.61
Six-room	53.90	59.10	74.00	56.50	57.61	56.78
<b>Denver</b>						
Two-room	23.24	22.80	28.40	28.76	29.63	31.97
Three-room	31.11	33.30	40.17	39.90	39.14	38.17
Four-room	40.40	43.52	52.24	51.56	50.57	48.94
Five-room	48.10	55.60	70.25	61.85	60.63	57.49
Six-room	59.34	66.72	67.80	71.76	60.51	68.74
<b>Detroit</b>						
Two-room	28.38	31.80	37.50	35.50	36.13	34.88
Three-room	33.30	37.50	45.06	39.96	39.69	40.16
Four-room	38.00	40.28	46.60	40.88	42.16	41.29
Five-room	40.65	48.75	56.75	44.00	44.48	45.99
Six-room	48.00	56.28	61.32	54.00	50.52	59.50
<b>Kansas City</b>						
Two-room	--	--	--	--	--	--
Three-room	23.01	18.21	21.33	22.80	21.82	22.50
Four-room	26.04	25.72	28.16	28.80	29.72	30.72
Five-room	32.45	33.85	34.95	33.65	34.56	34.83
Six-room	42.72	42.18	45.24	42.30	45.05	41.34
<b>Los Angeles</b>						
Two-room	\$23.17	\$32.48	\$46.00	\$42.75	\$31.56	\$21.21
Three-room	31.42	34.90	43.50	36.20	36.33	35.14
Four-room	43.62	48.60	55.10	53.54	47.07	45.22
Five-room	52.15	63.00	68.40	65.50	58.50	54.31
Six-room	55.11	73.75	78.46	81.90	80.62	69.97
<b>Milwaukee</b>						
Two-room	26.10	29.74	28.60	30.16	28.67	29.47
Three-room	31.86	32.34	35.94	35.91	34.27	33.29
Four-room	38.40	39.12	44.52	42.40	42.20	42.12
Five-room	49.40	46.30	53.00	50.55	51.43	51.84
Six-room	56.16	54.00	65.70	61.20	57.46	61.01
<b>Minneapolis</b>						
Two-room	26.92	28.55	31.25	29.71	27.74	28.80
Three-room	30.53	31.37	34.70	35.42	36.26	33.54
Four-room	32.45	34.80	36.90	39.70	41.05	41.12
Five-room	37.39	41.77	44.22	45.47	47.26	48.91
Six-room	44.83	52.28	52.43	52.45	55.55	59.15
<b>New York</b>						
Two-room	51.90	52.16	55.20	51.16	50.93	48.54
Three-room	57.30	58.35	61.71	61.71	61.64	59.39
Four-room	65.24	68.04	69.68	70.52	71.80	71.42
Five-room	71.20	73.55	76.35	80.20	81.28	75.51
Six-room	78.78	83.58	93.36	88.50	90.56	81.99
<b>Omaha</b>						
Two-room	29.85	30.15	30.76	29.24	30.44	29.09
Three-room	33.47	35.68	36.43	34.93	36.65	36.01
Four-room	39.39	39.85	42.62	41.10	45.81	43.84
Five-room	46.95	46.43	51.26	47.40	55.03	54.62
Six-room	58.62	64.00	61.50	66.68	78.28	69.68
<b>Philadelphia</b>						
Two-room	33.58	34.80	35.90	34.90	35.51	35.21
Three-room	40.02	41.88	45.33	44.25	43.94	43.55
Four-room	52.48	50.48	52.84	49.56	50.64	48.00
Five-room	57.00	59.00	61.05	61.85	58.85	55.48
Six-room	75.66	70.20	75.00	71.10	65.37	64.72
<b>Pittsburgh</b>						
Two-room	31.94	31.02	35.02	37.52	40.35	39.20
Three-room	29.88	31.56	40.98	41.64	41.71	42.55
Four-room	40.72	42.08	52.88	51.84	51.16	51.37
Five-room	44.55	46.45	59.35	58.05	55.56	55.55
Six-room	48.84	55.86	68.16	63.96	59.21	59.54
<b>St. Louis</b>						
Two-room	22.70	23.26	23.50	26.38	28.30	27.27
Three-room	34.62	35.91	34.44	35.91	35.91	35.16
Four-room	39.80	42.72	43.12	43.44	43.54	43.60
Five-room	44.20	46.65	49.70	42.20	52.00	50.60
Six-room	51.00	55.86	57.54	60.00	58.43	56.87
<b>San Francisco</b>						
Two-room	28.88	31.20	35.10	35.43	35.48	33.95
Three-room	34.00	35.20	41.85	42.38	41.49	39.92
Four-room	38.90	41.55	48.90	48.10	48.12	46.88
Five-room	49.00	49.02	64.75	63.05	60.09	59.53
Six-room	77.12	71.00	84.50	86.05	87.86	94.40
<b>Seattle</b>						
Two-room	23.95	26.03	31.10	29.76	31.25	30.80
Three-room	30.74	32.28	36.36	38.40	38.00	37.86
Four-room	38.20	38.06	39.10	40.22	45.21	42.91
Five-room	46.82	47.97	48.50	49.00	53.96	53.43
Six-room	51.90	58.34	62.00	58.50	66.76	69.57

\*Preliminary



## THE REAL ESTATE ANALYST INDEX OF RESIDENTIAL RENTS

**T**HE table below shows residential rent figures. This is the revised index of residential rents which appeared in the Real Estate Analyst for the first time in the February, 1938, issue. All rents are expressed in dollars per month per room. This makes possible a comparison of rent levels between different

cities, and in the same city between heated and unheated units. The twenty-six cities selected are typical cities scattered from coast to coast. The method of computing this index is described on page 889 in the February, 1938, Real Estate Analyst.

	1940															
	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		Aug.	
	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.	Res.	Apt.
National Index	\$8.35	\$11.87	\$8.34	\$11.82	\$8.33	\$11.81	\$8.35	\$11.80	\$8.35	\$11.80	\$8.41	\$11.80	\$8.47	\$11.75	\$8.48	\$11.79
Atlanta	7.96	10.74	7.91	10.80	7.86	10.80	7.95	10.83	7.88	10.91	7.90	10.92	7.91	10.88	7.99	11.00
Baltimore	6.96	10.42	6.86	10.36	6.86	10.36	6.90	10.37	7.02	10.32	7.20	10.30	7.40	10.29	7.44	10.26
Birmingham	6.23	9.85	6.25	9.85	6.26	9.81	6.33	9.81	6.36	9.80	6.40	9.80	6.25	9.79	6.42	9.81
Boston	8.04	15.17	8.03	15.05	8.04	15.08	8.02	14.81	8.02	14.88	8.05	14.90	8.09	14.90	8.13	14.95
Chicago	10.27	12.52	10.63	12.53	10.59	12.53	10.52	12.45	10.50	12.52	10.51	12.51	10.77	12.50	10.90	12.57
Cincinnati	9.65	12.70	9.70	12.70	9.76	12.81	9.78	12.81	9.85	12.87	9.90	12.88	9.91	12.51	9.93	12.86
Cleveland	9.54	12.83	9.51	12.79	9.49	12.80	9.51	12.73	9.59	12.80	9.65	12.75	9.75	12.70	9.55	12.68
Columbus	6.85	11.11	6.85	11.04	6.93	10.99	6.95	10.91	6.97	10.91	7.06	10.88	7.07	10.85	7.10	10.85
Denver	7.80	13.10	7.70	13.08	7.68	13.03	7.70	13.02	7.75	13.00	7.78	12.98	7.85	12.87	7.91	12.74
Detroit	8.60	11.58	8.64	11.58	8.64	11.53	8.68	11.56	8.80	11.50	8.89	11.49	8.95	11.54	9.02	11.56
Houston	8.61	11.09	8.60	11.10	8.54	11.11	8.50	11.14	8.50	11.06	8.52	11.01	8.49	10.97	8.40	10.87
Kansas City	6.10	7.09	6.09	7.05	6.09	7.09	6.10	7.14	6.14	7.16	6.18	7.15	6.19	7.14	6.20	7.14
Los Angeles	10.61	12.15	10.50	12.02	10.57	11.92	10.59	11.85	10.52	11.88	10.69	11.78	10.69	11.70	10.66	11.62
Milwaukee	8.95	10.60	8.91	10.59	8.95	10.61	8.96	10.61	8.98	10.62	9.07	10.61	9.15	10.59	9.19	10.59
Minneapolis	8.20	10.32	8.30	10.30	8.26	10.30	8.36	10.30	8.35	10.30	8.35	10.30	8.37	10.30	8.37	10.28
New Orleans	8.15	10.41	8.00	10.40	7.86	10.38	7.85	10.32	7.82	10.29	7.99	10.26	8.24	10.30	8.53	10.30
New York	12.82	19.40	12.80	19.22	12.60	19.16	12.87	19.08	12.79	19.00	12.72	19.20	12.59	19.33	12.80	19.53
Omaha	6.37	11.32	6.42	11.37	6.52	11.38	6.54	11.32	6.58	11.49	6.65	11.55	6.69	11.55	6.75	11.60
Philadelphia	6.99	13.77	6.97	13.57	6.95	13.58	6.96	13.60	6.99	13.61	7.01	13.69	7.00	13.68	7.08	13.85
Pittsburgh	9.04	12.27	8.96	12.26	9.06	12.30	9.10	12.30	8.86	12.30	9.06	12.30	9.20	12.29	9.31	12.12
Richmond	8.15	11.17	8.20	11.10	8.36	11.15	8.40	11.19	8.35	11.22	8.30	11.19	8.24	11.13	8.25	11.08
Saint Louis	8.02	10.64	8.08	10.62	8.05	10.59	7.94	10.57	8.08	10.59	8.19	10.62	8.24	10.57	8.25	10.51
Salt Lake City	7.73	10.88	7.69	11.00	7.69	11.09	7.61	11.10	7.62	11.09	7.69	11.01	7.60	11.11	7.75	11.08
San Francisco	9.71	13.34	9.76	13.30	9.75	13.30	9.76	13.26	9.71	13.30	9.70	13.28	9.70	13.22	9.70	13.12
Seattle	7.65	11.97	7.64	11.98	7.55	11.95	7.58	11.85	7.66	11.82	7.65	11.75	7.69	11.76	7.64	11.82
Tulsa	7.71		7.70		7.75		7.63		7.64		7.63		7.63		7.59	

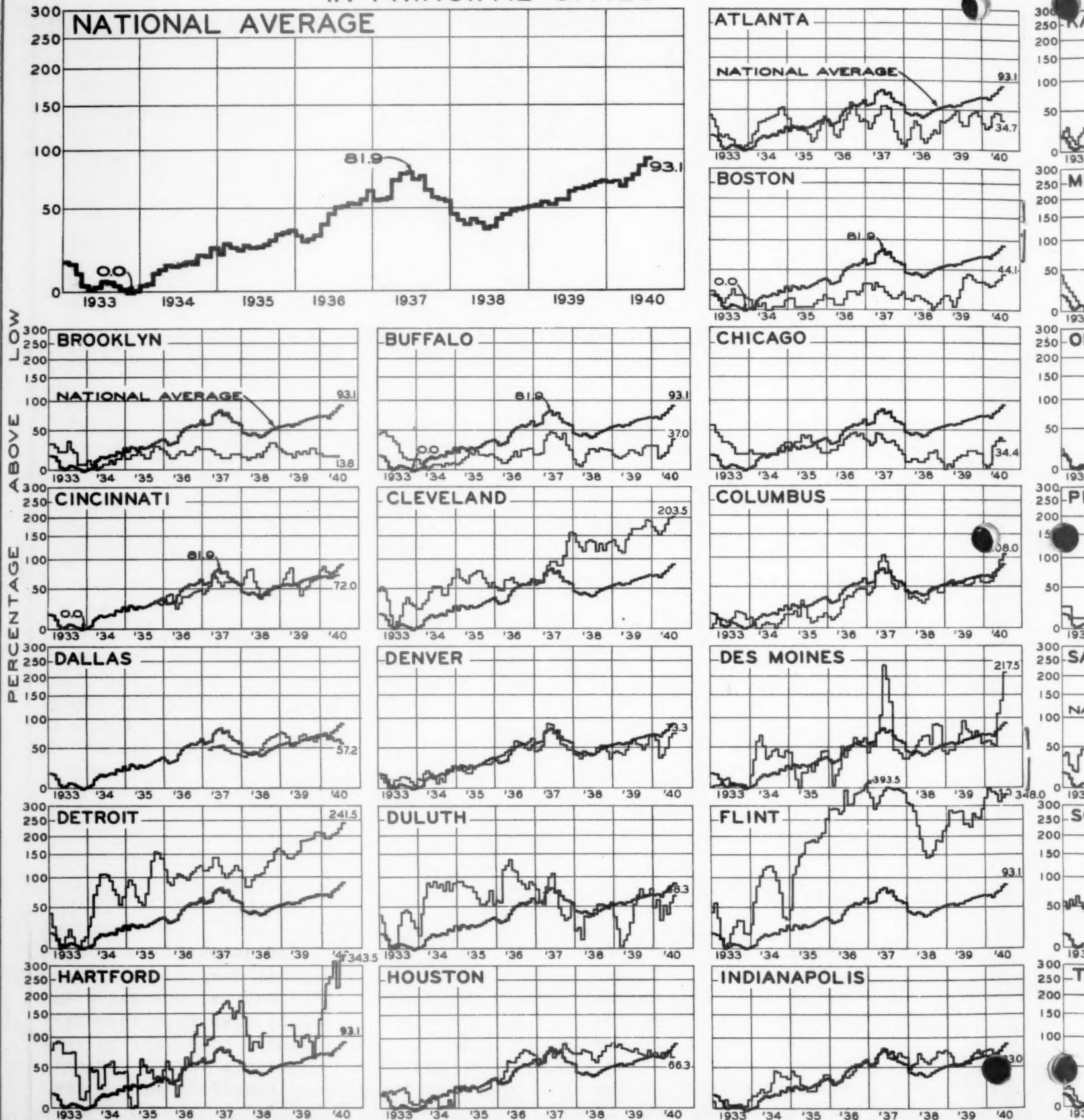
## VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

**T**HE charts on the two following pages show the fluctuations in voluntary transfers of real estate from 1933 to the present. The black line on each chart shows the monthly fluctuations of voluntary transfers as a percentage above the low point for that city. The red line is identical on all charts and shows the typical reactions of all cities on which figures are available. All figures have been corrected for seasonal.

For some cities it has been possible to secure far more accurate figures on voluntary transfers than for others. This is due to differences in local custom of handling sales and recording. This has necessitated a difference in the method we have used of accumulating our totals.

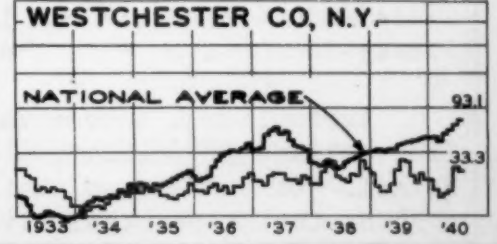
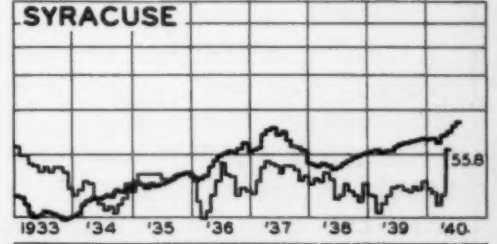
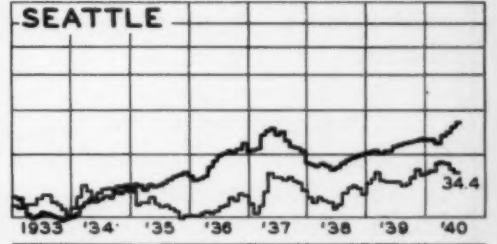
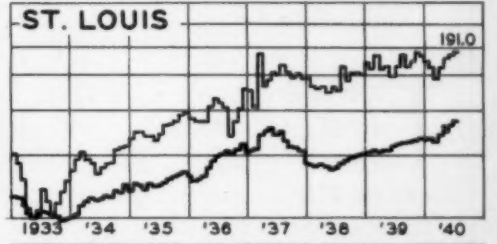
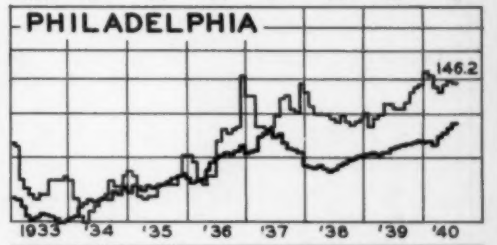
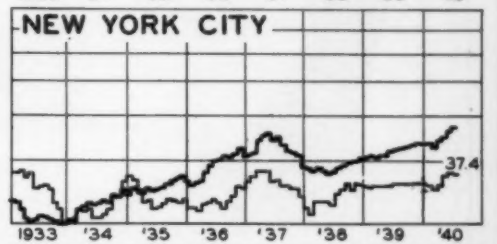
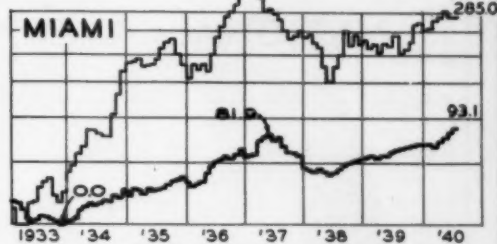
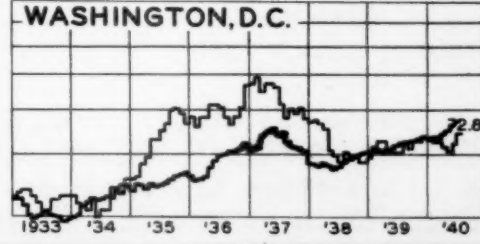
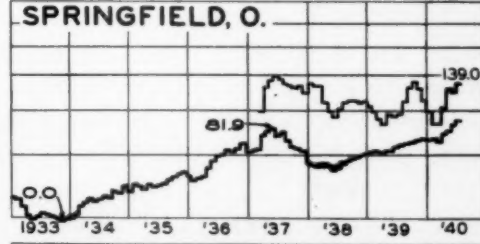
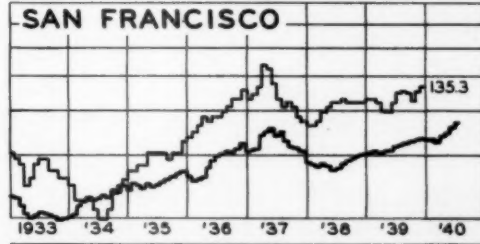
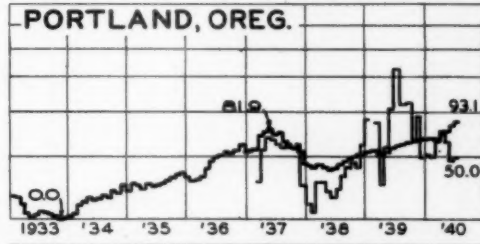
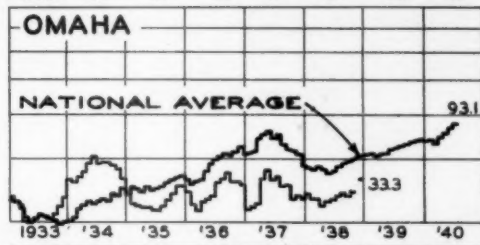
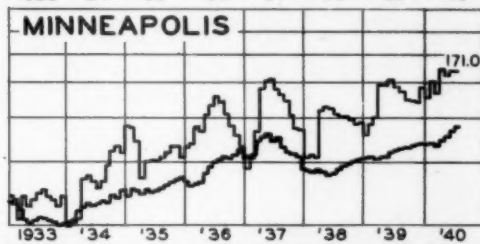
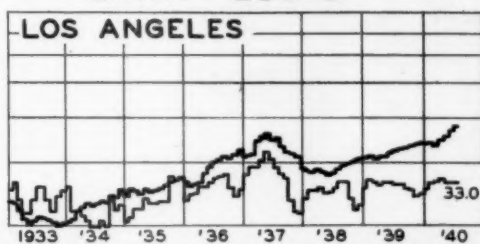
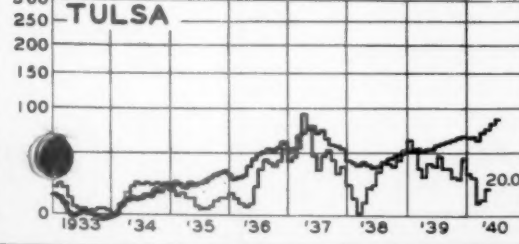
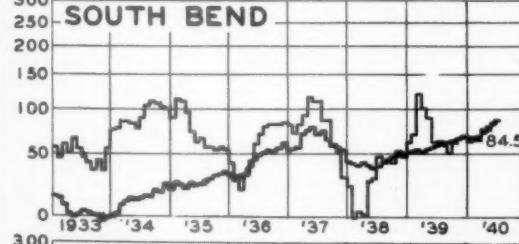
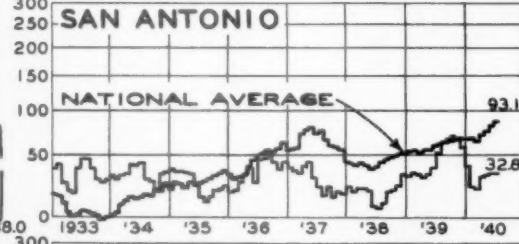
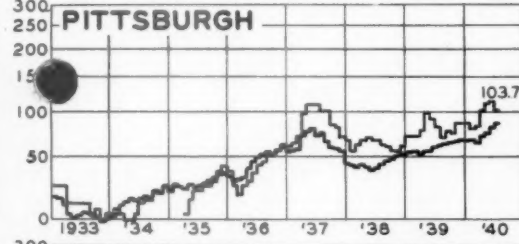
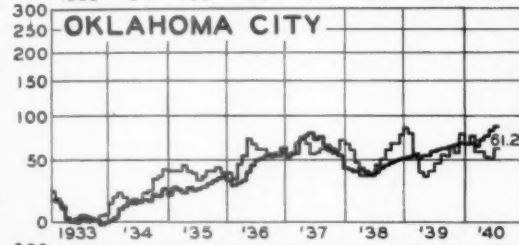
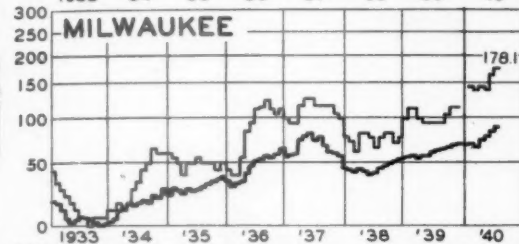
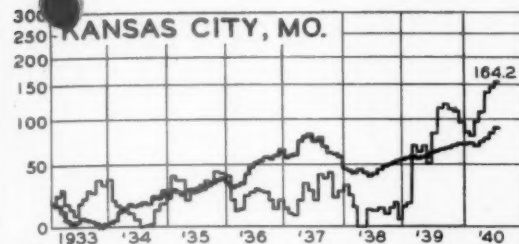
A warning might be expressed here against the use of figures on "Instruments recorded" often given out by recorders and sometimes used as a business index. These figures generally are a great many times larger than voluntary transfers, since they include foreclosures, mortgages and miscellaneous recordings. Foreclosures are generally down when voluntary transfers are up and vice versa. A total which includes both will be relatively too high during a depression and too low during a period of real estate activity, as the voluntary and involuntary transfers have a tendency to cancel each other.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN PRINCIPAL CITIES





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## AGRICULTURAL AND TOTAL INCOMES BY STATES



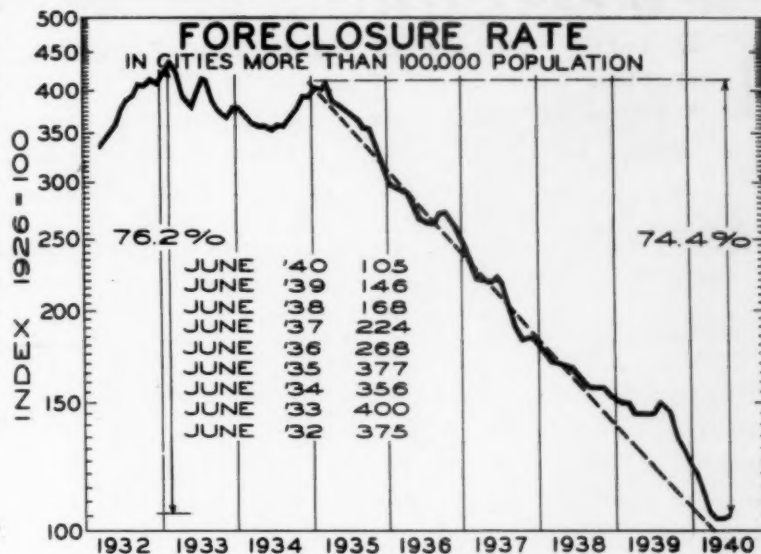
THE map above pictures the ranking of the states on the basis of total realized income of all types by classifying all of the states into seven groups, as indicated by the shading. The states are also classified into seven groups on the basis of agricultural income only, as indicated by the ranking (1 to 7) shown on the map. This information was calculated from data prepared by the National Industrial Conference Board.

The use of total income, which includes all realized private production income - salaries and wages, entrepreneurial income, dividends, interest, net rents, royalties and realized income from government, forms a sound basis for comparing the economic importance of the various states.

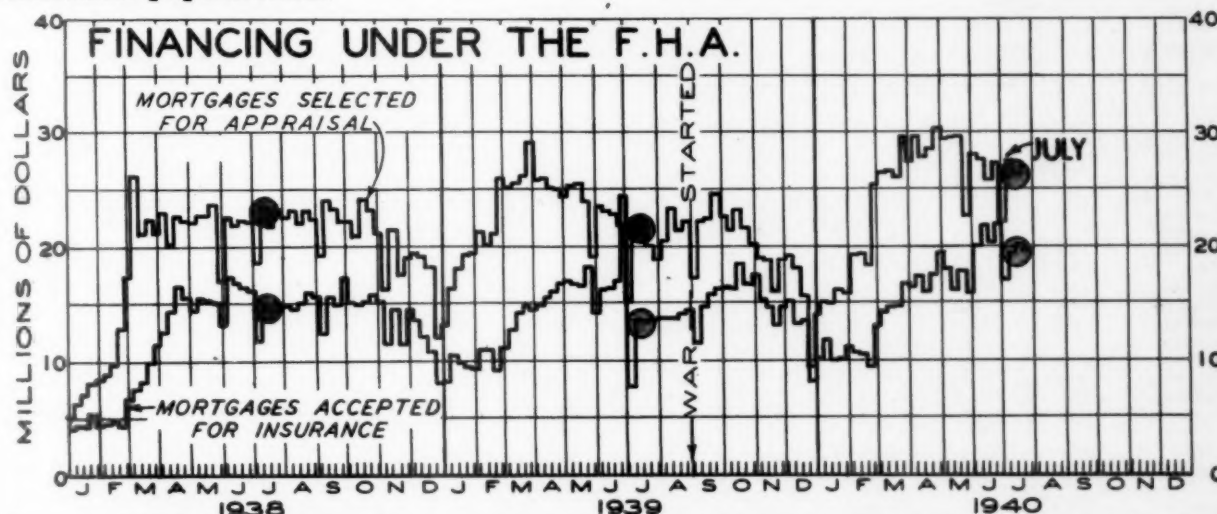
Of the fifteen states with the highest total incomes (three upper groups) ten are located east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River; three adjoin this group of ten on the west and the other two, California and Texas, are the two largest states in size. The immense total income of New York State is startling; its total income is greater than the combined total incomes of the next two highest states - Pennsylvania and Illinois - and is more than the combined total incomes of the twenty-four states with the lowest total incomes (three lower groups).

Agricultural income varies among the states from a high of 493 million dollars in California to a low of 10 million dollars in its neighbor Nevada. Of the eleven states in the three upper groups, five are located east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio River.

**U**RBAN foreclosures for June, on a seasonally adjusted basis, showed only a slight increase of one point over May. This was the lowest point reached in any June since 1927. The foreclosure rate, after an average decline of nearly 30% a year for the past five years, is now close to the 1926 level; therefore, any further decline will be at a slower rate.



The basic figures from which this chart is computed are gathered by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation from all cities of more than one hundred thousand population.



**M**ORTGAGES selected for appraisal under the FHA in July remained at the high June level. Mortgages accepted for insurance in July, while somewhat below the high of June, are still at a high level and above the corresponding month of the two preceding years by substantial amounts.

The two tables below show the comparisons with a year ago for the mortgages selected for appraisal and mortgages accepted for insurance.

**MORTGAGES SELECTED FOR APPRAISAL COMPARED WITH YEAR AGO**

1939						1940							
July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	
-11%	-8%	-8%	+2%	-4%	-13%	-9%	-2%	-6%	+21%	+18%	+11%	+42%	

**MORTGAGES ACCEPTED FOR INSURANCE COMPARED WITH YEAR AGO**

-13%	-6%	-9%	+13%	+2%	+5%	+15%	+9%	+1%	+18%	+9%	+2%	+67%
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# NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND DEMOLITIONS

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	1929		1930		1931		1932		1933		1934		1935		1936		1937		1938		1939	
	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.
	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.	Built	Dem.
Akron	2144	*	368	*	109	*	55	*	31	*	44	*	96	56	135	49	247	30	172	61	271	37
Albany	477	37	358	52	265	22	133	34	106	32	94	29	133	58	196	82	184	47	210	54	185	52
Schenectady	268	21	160	27	92	24	34	17	21	16	16	40	37	48	36	69	262	71	47	53	65	57
Troy	113	19	101	15	129	39	84	4	40	17	23	27	31	39	27	41	26	43	22	64	32	*
Albuquerque	232	5	210	5	165	2	52	3	13	0	14	4	54	5	230	16	252	14	266	6	428	16
Allentown	405	0	98	0	44	1	16	0	12	0	11	31	16	20	17	26	99	23	111	16	400	17
Bethlehem	193	0	64	2	35	1	22	0	8	0	5	0	19	13	48	20	77	26	54	10	104	40
Easton	16	0	20	0	9	2	22	0	5	0	6	26	3	17	1	46	4	30	5	24	3	46
Altoona	177	21	72	50	33	27	11	32	5	46	4	53	7	66	8	82	11	73	8	48	17	27
Amarillo	116	0	132	8	130	2	33	5	6	1	6	4	17	21	49	24	87	20	222	8	305	6
Anderson	208	0	43	1	48	3	17	0	5	3	6	0	30	0	82	4	100	0	56	2	138	3
Atlanta	1265	64	721	154	443	145	220	133	204	188	125	182	353	134	448	96	625	98	680	99	3263	*
Atlantic City	32	5	37	2	63	6	32	12	2	22	11	15	279	21	5	*	16	*	8	*	596	*
Augusta	207	*	124	*	77	*	38	3	36	11	9	10	66	7	86	*	69	*	145	*	2209	*
Austin	535	2	496	1	563	2	294	2	349	3	290	3	797	0	895	37	978	25	1287	45	1587	107
Baltimore	2787	112	1348	318	1648	172	355	102	181	115	126	167	458	154	1186	637	1494	594	2308	578	3297	634
Beaumont	433	25	266	14	90	28	18	34	10	64	3	40	30	43	97	46	142	44	260	31	432	36
Binghamton	165	35	164	23	88	37	40	6	47	14	32	19	109	13	112	24	153	29	148	10	121	28
Birmingham	686	*	163	106	113	119	45	114	44	112	25	41	44	25	639	183	217	178	241	161	1227	178
Boston	2583	368	1353	299	1338	516	311	289	306	375	156	625	147	504	1229	634	834	542	561	385	3840	3078
Arlington	297	6	288	7	237	11	86	5	69	4	37	13	66	4	141	9	160	6	138	3	219	5
Beverly	92	*	69	*	74	*	33	5	32	16	11	5	17	6	23	7	21	6	39	7	49	10
Brookton	99	19	73	24	78	26	27	20	13	32	16	30	26	23	29	55	46	48	36	24	42	23
Brookline	341	13	232	9	96	29	61	*	66	2	86	9	101	16	172	21	137	9	278	29	193	24
Cambridge	637	160	151	112	133	62	51	73	9	53	6	51	10	101	309	37	122	66	77	65	21	27
Chelsea	19	6	6	8	16	4	7	0	2	0	4	20	3	31	3	7	5	2	5	5	10	*
Everett	81	16	53	12	45	19	8	5	4	10	0	16	5	25	7	29	9	28	5	22	3	5
Lynn	466	30	102	23	123	3	23	17	20	62	12	69	13	81	18	64	41	48	65	58	68	*
Malden	269	17	95	16	148	8	33	2	10	7	12	18	18	3	26	16	18	21	13	16	16	2
Medford	433	8	234	11	296	9	68	9	45	4	24	8	25	11	60	21	52	4	68	14	55	4
Newton	548	*	345	*	366	*	98	*	149	*	138	*	266	*	407	28	302	38	271	21	379	27
Quincy	545	18	279	18	209	23	65	12	52	16	30	12	36	20	68	12	102	24	109	15	195	17
Revere	99	2	58	1	32	7	14	7	16	31	6	21	7	36	12	40	17	12	13	13	7	10
Somerville	273	15	48	44	55	36	3	17	4	23	2	52	3	20	3	16	2	28	1	21	1	26
Waltham	199	24	108	13	84	17	33	7	28	12	23	22	45	27	71	23	59	18	87	12	126	23
Watertown	214	5	85	12	93	2	13	6	8	19	9	8	19	19	22	6	27	4	53	1	40	*
Buffalo	1769	*	1072	*	1029	*	174	*	69	*	36	*	140	*	780	*	223	*	998	*	1232	*
Niag. Falls	317	38	223	18	163	4	42	9	26	9	20	10	68	31	149	27	236	6	224	9	216	7
Canton	331	*	95	*	21	*	8	*	7	*	10	*	31	*	82	*	140	*	111	*	196	*
Massillon	89	0	17	0	6	2	3	1	4	0	5	1	9	2	19	4	26	7	25	16	14	5
Charlston., S.C.	107	107	71	68	58	72	36	67	25	69	22	70	52	97	273	50	86	47	136	167	502	85
Charlston., W.V.	300	7	217	2	104	3	57	9	20	3	32	4	244	7	337	18	464	16	527	11	894	*
Charlotte	505	0	320	2	204	13	58	4	53	4	56	39	159	15	399	17	425	14	506	15	1434	28
Chattanooga	326	66	198	56	112	32	39	29	23	26	19	49	67	85	106	24	111	33	126	48	1121	*
Chicago	19882	59	3693	595	975	1037	222	238	137	1509	199	2374	423	3252	3059	4410	1278	2360	1884	2450	3154	1470
Cicero	335	0	55	0	24	1	2	0	0	0	3	8	10	0	8	1	32	5	16	7	55	1
Cincinnati	2077	347	1693	1103	1235	270	431	872	380	429	275	328	660	402	2260	2202	1524	425	1316	290	1265	362
Covington	152	12	75	0	38	0	4	0	1	0	3	27	4	25	15	21	19	54	31	16	415	212
Clarksburg	66	*	18	*	36	*	14	*	2	*	14	*	63	*	131	17	85	3	72	3	100	*
Cleveland	2019	389	1159	271	477	190	208	202	107	691	61	647	148	880	491	604	484	442	563	614	2173	992
E. Cleveland	30	12	56	17	0	6	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	17	9	4	10	9	6	1	7	1
Lakewood	205	0	249	2	89	3	98	0	21	3	19	3	31	2	47	3	53	5	79	5	61	5
Columbus	1234	*	580	*	300	*	50	*	26	*	36	*	135	*	563	135	736	87	744	146	1533	334
Corpus Christi	327	1	130	4	154	6	31	3	41	1	61	3	143	4	680	*	900	*	1120	*	1900	243
Cumberland	62	*	40	*	25	*	12	*	11	*	13	*	32	*	43	6	76	0	72	0	92	15
Dayton	201	*	213	*	158	*	55	*	7	*	8	*	48	*	116	16	249	36	222	142	474	184

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Denver	1538	67	579	106	940	121	316	143	156	249	176	224	471	108	866	65	249	95	222	170	474	152
Detroit	12198	127	3989	99	2131	102	308	467	263	797	407	812	1663	633	4433	985	5746	583	6842	417	9276	338
Dearborn	1569	0	660	1	279	3	35	9	19	8	29	4	109	5	283	0	282	1	727	0	1380	4
Hamtramck	46	0	21	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	19	8	23	13	8	15	4	11	5	17	10
Highland Pk.	250	1	5	0	1	0	1	4	1	4	2	16	1	13	2	7	4	2	7	5	6	6
Pontiac	1281	9	52	8	6	15	6	36	0	41	1	32	11	25	52	29	114	23	59	24	106	37
Wyandotte	278	0	117	0	57	0	12	1	13	0	12	11	23	5	80	*	131	*	145	*	220	*
Dubuque	62	3	55	0	61	1	26	1	9	0	9	0	14	0	5	*	26	*	11	*	40	*
Duluth	121	4	79	2	91	2	60	2	54	2	30	17	26	28	45	19	88	85	148	18	188	25
Eau Claire	134	6	102	5	75	0	60	0	39	3	28	1	55	1	129	1	125	2	104	1	160	2
Elgin	146	3	72	0	44	0	16	0	6	0	7	11	18	1	29	3	62	9	70	8	58	4
Elkhart	108	13	38	13	17	13	12	3	1	12	2	9	5	15	37	10	38	7	41	18	45	13
Elmira	72	9	39	14	34	4	13	10	3	10	1	9	5	32	8	8	8	22	11	28	5	*
El Paso	691	*	471	*	187	*	35	*	10	*	18	*	37	*	110	19	144	70	181	36	205	26
Enid	247	0	72	0	61	0	5	0	3	4	12	0	46	0	181	0	49	0	115	1	120	3
Fargo	96	*	76	*	83	*	32	*	9	*	10	*	20	*	35	13	45	7	36	12	108	3
Fitchburg	31	*	21	*	17	*	16	*	15	*	9	*	12	*	16	17	39	9	41	9	67	12
Flint	2076	*	360	*	128	*	12	*	13	*	27	*	70	*	259	52	257	29	145	31	509	*
Fond du Lac	50	0	37	0	44	0	20	0	7	1	11	3	35	2	40	10	48	5	58	5	82	12
Fort Smith	*	*	27	6	29	2	23	0	18	20	11	32	35	21	98	40	96	26	168	16	194	22
Fort Worth	1243	36	542	11	471	14	228	21	153	13	108	6	286	8	614	15	746	25	963	30	1786	486
Fresno	188	53	106	72	129	66	52	60	43	39	45	34	138	43	256	51	291	52	340	53	441	53
Great Falls	290	1	91	0	80	1	23	1	16	0	14	0	33	3	38	5	57	5	49	7	122	5
Greensboro	228	14	55	9	34	9	25	7	22	2	39	6	100	3	209	5	302	8	337	6	415	3
Grnville., S.C.	100	3	70	5	68	1	23	1	20	1	24	2	49	3	86	17	80	8	130	8	90	11
Hagerstown	89	*	42	*	32	*	9	*	11	*	15	*	32	*	30	0	41	0	61	8	116	5
Hartford	275	85	64	90	112	102	47	74	17	88	16	188	36	140	191	72	106	135	124	87	329	105
Bristol	160	4	80	2	52	2	9	1	10	5	12	5	30	2	54	3	90	5	53	5	78	2
Meriden	119	15	68	4	44	1	34	8	27	5	12	16	24	28	18	20	45	8	68	11	92	6
Indianapolis	1731	201	610	160	397	170	127	113	47	141	64	280	167	327	403	336	583	239	1104	176	1368	150
Jamestown	195	4	91	5	36	9	28	5	7	22	0	20	11	23	10	31	11	17	9	27	18	14
Joliet	169	0	85	0	50	5	5	5	2	2	6	1	3	8	18	*	14	*	13	*	21	*
Kansas City	2071	58	936	54	436	75	163	38	132	77	116	196	462	171	379	138	371	114	217	98	335	107
K.C., Kans.	268	*	183	*	116	*	44	*	38	*	26	*	33	*	76	10	106	9	88	9	59	7
Kenosha	298	5	8	0	22	0	6	0	1	0	4	9	33	2	55	10	59	14	40	6	97	4
Knoxville	448	*	147	*	90	*	68	*	51	*	35	*	130	*	225	5	239	5	214	8	1129	269
Little Rock	351	1	243	0	82	0	23	3	4	0	9	0	38	0	113	*	113	*	107	*	206	*
Los Angeles	15185	291	11469	502	6645	343	2810	172	2392	157	1726	235	4019	166	8923	251	9756	263	12382	215	16154	198
Alhambra	515	2	475	3	263	4	86	2	52	3	58	9	188	1	450	0	520	1	611	1	507	0
Glendale	188	10	106	21	129	23	52	14	43	11	45	20	138	22	848	*	925	*	977	*	1113	*
Long Beach	3220	15	1982	21	968	13	305	12	184	33	116	30	364	11	925	15	1120	17	1824	18	2323	9
Pasadena	395	24	226	34	195	24	93	27	73	19	57	42	165	32	339	41	384	41	451	33	516	46
Santa Monica	311	1	364	1	260	1	134	2	66	1	71	0	157	0	491	0	742	0	857	3	977	3
Louisville	1427	30	390	85	150	68	83	71	81	81	79	124	274	230	882	235	580	160	537	141	664	950
Lowell	34	59	41	191	40	139	15	187	18	197	10	460	11	350	22	100	16	126	12	204	573	89
Haverhill	45	*	39	*	23	*	18	*	19	*	28	*	18	*	11	98	19	67	12	68	15	21
Lawrence	12	100	16	41	16	92	7	68	14	101	8	189	13	148	22	131	34	106	19	51	45	70
Lynchburg	92	*	115	*	101	*	97	*	83	*	34	*	74	*	117	2	152	0	225	0	185	*
Mason	73	10	45	8	41	6	13	2	23	3	11	4	18	4	30	19	30	14	56	16	586	220
Madison	506	2	183	0	137	3	73	0	22	2	39	2	136	3	230	6	320	8	246	12	421	29
Memphis	1111	37	783	49	226	72	118	46	91	70	61	185	94	385	2125	552	464	264	739	135	1401	599

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	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.	Units	Dem.
Miami	122	39	141	27	202	99	124	44	98	24	314	59	957	30	2170	32	2107	24	2109	19	3726	23
Milwaukee	3680	160	1475	235	917	195	177	176	67	253	98	466	359	480	1925	459	647	365	498	353	954	206
W. Allis	393	1	189	0	79	0	10	2	5	3	3	6	27	10	46	5	83	3	62	3	83	4
Minneapolis	1554	227	1341	224	1270	171	443	93	297	177	152	171	454	199	646	151	1190	95	1020	88	1553	93
Montgomery	488	*	280	*	240	*	82	*	32	11	33	91	126	10	215	23	227	23	302	11	305	15
Muskegon	191	11	81	11	30	1	9	3	7	1	8	12	20	25	32	8	79	7	65	7	93	12
Nashville	769	*	357	*	261	*	145	*	98	*	88	*	215	*	614	493	746	56	368	65	264	60
New Haven	270	*	238	*	173	*	76	*	28	*	21	*	31	*	63	184	63	145	85	197	90	178
New Orleans	1186	15	347	3	412	4	287	3	139	3	87	7	188	13	517	94	449	88	721	51	3400	31
New York City																						
Bronx**	7037	52	6175	137	6397	208	601	194	2982	185	2183	305	2769	111	11327	187	7715	1719	11954	326	9312	187
Brooklyn**	7758	629	8346	871	8541	564	1198	384	984	438	2127	560	5491	1987	7093	2099	7552	1675	7415	3200	11154	1890
Manhattan**	8684	5643	7846	9462	1835	4167	471	1713	1598	2556	395	4053	917	3923	4521	5948	3293	6623	3913	7748	7042	9233
Queens**	9257	68	9081	74	9909	12	1478	41	1811	60	1409	575	4444	35	10115	102	19432	55	38088	202	21132	115
Richmond**	856	0	581	6	784	3	224	24	172	0	81	6	214	3	307	15	358	10	302	29	365	14
St. Vernon	307	20	493	3	301	30	32	3	49	3	30	5	51	5	656	1	38	4	305	5	49	16
Norwalk, Conn.	265	19	163	4	162	1	86	0	76	8	35	9	73	13	155	16	169	8	163	6	275	6
Yonkers	1660	0	1054	0	1023	0	242	0	188	0	88	4	207	35	502	53	490	55	2596	129	1096	*
Eliz., N.J.	509	*	224	*	161	*	40	*	26	*	10	*	44	*	92	84	108	93	29	42	559	59
Hoboken, N.J.	6	18	4	7	40	0	6	4	0	18	0	9	0	19	1	*	0	*	1	*	0	*
Newark, N.J.	743	235	741	306	360	233	102	422	396	296	397	273	65	264	171	472	139	441	331	157	937	531
Orange, N.J.	140	41	77	22	11	9	5	12	1	14	7	17	7	19	18	43	53	30	11	23	196	21
Paterson, N.J.	417	39	156	46	107	28	39	20	32	20	10	41	34	72	47	54	35	85	34	82	38	50
Perth A., N.J.	78	2	34	0	21	3	6	2	11	0	2	11	4	9	10	18	15	24	8	14	18	30
Plinld., N.J.	136	*	79	*	92	*	31	*	29	40	17	28	29	13	55	16	78	28	211	22	48	17
Norfolk	245	120	226	107	258	171	232	136	167	135	51	180	145	203	188	267	247	283	529	213	537	154
Newport N.	67	21	90	54	58	59	35	14	24	8	16	15	40	22	41	37	32	36	43	15	37	14
Portsmouth	58	49	64	41	47	35	30	46	29	65	15	49	23	86	35	85	21	94	82	58	127	*
Omaha	386	*	176	*	333	*	183	*	168	*	98	*	184	*	632	151	390	81	325	96	520	94
Pensacola	*	*	108	5	109	8	117	2	114	7	61	18	138	5	210	*	164	*	148	*	484	*
Peoria	358	8	399	7	253	0	83	0	49	0	33	11	79	7	235	7	239	26	229	53	265	168
Petersburg	49	*	39	*	20	*	7	*	3	*	6	*	8	*	15	12	18	8	28	5	29	11
Philadelphia	5110	642	1873	813	958	638	581	1175	475	949	340	1387	1030	1952	2421	1265	2221	2875	3769	1650	4912	1724
Camden	338	104	166	108	47	51	5	61	1	42	2	64	2	81	534	55	2	83	12	54	53	83
L. Merion T.	268	6	168	6	59	3	39	4	35	5	29	6	116	6	274	6	242	12	316	7	717	16
Morristown	104	2	80	18	35	15	2	82	0	15	3	8	5	6	30	*	10	*	6	*	39	*
Phoenix	991	29	408	17	219	13	45	3	15	13	22	16	52	15	219	21	233	18	391	14	518	27
Pittsburgh	2049	150	1299	176	913	166	197	151	154	229	100	156	250	159	335	479	465	469	420	449	3655	769
Port Arthur	459	2	244	0	47	3	5	5	2	8	14	9	56	12	187	*	236	*	229	*	242	*
Portland, Me.	131	68	109	53	86	33	56	38	29	53	19	51	30	51	62	78	71	49	56	78	91	*
Portland, Oreg.	1532	127	882	263	537	275	198	156	162	184	134	222	224	153	606	88	1012	130	741	142	1225	114
Poughkeepsie	80	0	59	2	65	13	40	8	16	2	12	5	18	2	18	2	30	5	*	7	*	2
Providence	842	*	446	*	282	*	108	*	54	*	50	*	94	*	168	*	151	*	153	*	203	*
Gen. Falls	64	80	24	1	13	1	2	6	7	1	3	6	14	0	3	6	1	8	0	9	27	*
Fall River	49	36	34	179	10	294	10	269	15	203	9	199	13	151	12	165	27	90	39	45	404	*
New Bedford	22	60	17	89	15	93	7	150	10	247	7	185	2	137	8	76	16	73	19	34	19	59
Newport	64	41	42	15	46	6	31	11	23	13	19	5	47	8	74	6	46	29	39	27	64	38
Pawtucket	318	*	148	*	77	*	37	*	17	12	16	72	13	37	47	4	83	5	119	27	153	42
Woonsocket	25	*	24	*	16	0	13	7	8	10	10	0	10	15	17	26	45	28	19	17	27	6
Pueblo	202	*	69	*	48	*	18	*	6	*	6	*	10	*	25	28	57	19	81	17	142	19
Reading	246	*	124	*	49	*	30	*	6	*	3	*	3	*	33	11	37	16	23	17	453	25
Richmond, Ind.	132	2	67	1	25	5	5	4	2	9	2	6	12	10	32	2	62	1	55	0	119	2
Richmond, Va.	592	*	228	*	186	*	115	*	85	*	64	*	117	*	219	*	298	62	545	117	350	181
Riverside, Cal.	227	0	105	2	74	3	36	1	25	5	25	7	71	1	139	5	174	9	221	3	295	4
Roanoke	290	0	98	4	77	8	37	44	15	43	8	35	28	24	62	43	83	50	99	39	134	78
Rochester	494	49	257	7	166	48	76	82	20	122	18	120	38	117	102	154	161	146	132	129	189	150
Rockford	635	1	341	6	72	9	13	19	8	34	2	11	25	41	82	30	87	18	103	18	169	12

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Salt Lake City	699	*	554	*	442	*	52	*	48	*	32	*	150	*	370	15	596	14	686	17	843	*
St. Joseph	204	0	93	17	45	37	25	17	20	22	20	23	38	13	63	43	38	24	57	29	56	27
St. Louis	4423	432	1357	519	1476	424	522	432	305	484	597	588	834	706	920	1032	932	1002	1044	1126	1255	909
E. St. Louis	382	13	207	30	141	11	46	27	17	48	13	72	15	80	43	53	50	69	46	65	66	66
San Antonio	2233	*	1135	*	667	33	334	22	228	31	160	47	367	34	760	62	727	106	757	80	2064	68
San Bernardino	425	8	214	16	136	6	36	6	16	1	13	15	84	14	266	27	300	33	393	21	507	22
San Diego	1306	42	808	34	609	25	290	8	291	35	165	27	802	17	1561	57	1967	36	1972	28	1828	36
San Francisco	3518	*	2206	*	2441	*	1073	*	787	*	190	*	795	*	2138	*	1946	*	2724	*	4425	*
Alameda	401	0	147	18	63	15	26	8	23	13	19	20	44	16	112	2	91	12	138	12	170	7
Berkeley	584	20	345	75	216	29	108	5	82	15	48	3	143	1	249	19	257	36	277	44	345	35
Oakland	1838	*	994	*	656	*	266	*	181	*	143	*	328	*	809	69	1021	61	1158	32	1658	116
Santa Barbara	281	13	498	2	202	5	66	1	25	7	13	4	47	3	*	*	146	37	120	24	130	18
Savannah	192	0	90	1	77	0	25	0	37	11	9	61	49	43	92	130	155	120	235	40	723	32
Scranton	139	*	45	*	65	*	53	*	18	*	13	*	15	*	33	4	27	19	51	11	86	*
Seattle	3342	140	2692	139	1149	166	366	94	186	69	146	236	264	220	560	249	638	215	1002	194	1307	219
Shreveport	546	61	170	41	142	55	96	28	65	64	60	47	175	93	489	53	480	23	654	32	804	42
Spartanbg., S.C.	112	0	64	2	16	0	3	2	2	5	1	2	35	1	42	0	50	0	67	0	82	12
Spokane	422	17	334	22	219	45	93	36	63	45	91	48	226	29	463	39	456	21	485	21	687	27
Sprgfld., Ill.	235	4	152	1	157	2	53	3	33	4	16	6	26	0	67	7	134	6	134	11	253	10
Sprgfld., Mass.	430	88	304	100	182	69	74	105	38	84	24	176	47	155	119	155	169	97	165	74	204	57
Chicopee	79	3	49	11	31	18	12	14	13	4	19	80	13	44	9	43	27	27	22	15	39	60
Holyoke	58	*	34	*	25	*	11	*	8	*	3	*	19	*	29	18	20	18	16	18	15	20
Stockton	154	0	103	0	146	0	57	3	17	0	49	7	93	0	191	*	180	*	196	*	162	*
Syracuse	791	*	428	*	259	*	81	*	49	*	28	*	44	*	69	67	106	61	86	561	69	226
Tacoma	512	60	320	65	165	60	74	90	57	77	48	89	47	87	113	72	199	71	358	59	414	42
Tampa	196	20	97	70	68	117	52	129	42	156	41	244	57	88	71	47	82	156	123	96	531	367
St. Petersburg	67	*	73	*	75	3	28	72	34	50	52	46	226	14	345	39	516	27	606	8	905	30
Taunton	35	1	30	0	19	4	24	7	12	4	13	26	11	17	6	25	14	14	8	15	15	*
Toledo	1183	57	374	101	134	94	39	92	19	145	15	169	58	71	400	305	270	163	247	102	929	166
Torrington	131	4	88	3	39	2	17	3	6	4	5	3	20	2	31	0	65	1	53	4	66	*
Trenton	128	50	44	49	44	13	24	25	12	61	5	99	13	97	19	63	20	51	15	42	507	3
Tucson	340	7	198	18	192	6	53	13	21	8	17	7	57	19	200	11	194	15	158	9	238	26
Utica	127	0	91	27	79	19	45	14	41	15	25	31	12	67	30	104	30	48	25	56	227	46
Waco	216	0	103	0	93	4	81	1	67	0	45	0	73	0	163	*	195	*	196	*	254	*
Washington	3029	114	1822	100	3256	84	1217	17	533	1	909	1	3796	2	6455	268	5352	178	4275	182	5536	340
Waterbury	238	53	101	40	81	30	32	21	37	22	26	60	47	45	138	40	171	19	198	14	154	18
Waterloo, Ia.	351	5	137	6	109	7	32	2	17	8	26	19	117	11	156	2	223	5	274	10	398	4
Watertown, N.Y.	51	3	13	5	22	2	16	5	4	0	10	0	6	3	12	3	16	5	27	5	13	3
W. Palm Beach	123	11	62	7	45	11	21	6	13	10	32	43	65	34	99	21	206	24	211	15	542	8
Wheeling	72	*	45	*	44	*	30	*	13	5	8	13	33	8	59	32	76	9	86	7	93	15
Wichita	1486	11	702	7	296	12	55	11	24	7	19	26	131	**64	338	**57	458	**97	465	**68	597	**31
Wilmington, Del.	382	*	374	*	216	*	78	*	63	*	100	*	97	*	287	15	149	83	109	61	99	48
Wilmington, N.C.	74	*	52	*	42	*	11	*	11	1	11	3	12	1	288	*	149	*	126	*	177	*
Winston-Salem	318	0	132	0	58	0	27	0	43	0	48	3	175	3	282	35	416	51	666	63	439	67
Worcester	381	191	295	143	223	91	131	76	90	119	39	159	100	221	183	111	236	69	365	71	317	47
Youngstown	527	0	169	23	86	26	18	68	12	122	8	66	34	56	93	63	150	57	130	39	767	125

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